

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2242

Introduced by Assembly Member Vargas

February 19, 2004

An act to amend Section 8610 of the Government Code, relating to emergency services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2242, as introduced, Vargas. Emergency services.

Existing law authorizes counties, cities and counties, and cities to create, by ordinance, disaster councils to develop plans for meeting any condition constituting a local emergency or state of emergency. The governing body of the county, city and county, or city in the ordinance may provide for the organization, powers and duties, divisions, services, and staff of the council.

This bill would specifically authorize the governing body to provide additionally for voting membership on the council that includes representatives of the agencies overseeing law enforcement or emergency response.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8610 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 8610. Counties, cities and counties, and cities may create
- 4 disaster councils by ordinance. A disaster council shall develop
- 5 plans for meeting any condition constituting a local emergency or

1 state of emergency, including, but not limited to, earthquakes,
2 natural or manmade disasters specific to that ~~jurisdiction~~
3 ~~jurisdiction~~, or state of war emergency; ~~such~~. The plans shall
4 provide for the effective mobilization of all of the resources within
5 the political subdivision, both public and private. The disaster
6 council shall supply a copy of any plans developed pursuant to this
7 section to the Office of Emergency Services. The governing body
8 of a county, city and county, or city may, in the ordinance or by
9 resolution adopted pursuant to the ordinance, provide for the
10 organization, powers and duties, *voting membership in the*
11 *organization that includes representatives of the agencies*
12 *overseeing law enforcement or emergency response*, divisions,
13 services, and staff of the emergency organization. The governing
14 body of a county, city and county, or city may, by ordinance or
15 resolution, authorize public officers, employees, and registered
16 volunteers to command the aid of citizens when necessary in the
17 execution of their duties during a state of war emergency, a state
18 of emergency, or a local emergency.

19 Counties, cities and counties, and cities may enact ordinances
20 and resolutions and either establish rules and regulations or
21 authorize disaster councils to recommend to the director of the
22 local emergency organization rules and regulations for dealing
23 with local emergencies that can be adequately dealt with locally;
24 and further may act to carry out mutual aid on a voluntary basis
25 and, to this end, may enter into agreements.

